Mining operation in Madhya Pradesh

2557. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of proposals have been received by the Govememnt of Madhya Pradesh for mining operations in Chhatishgarh region;

(b) if so, which are the parties, both in public and private sector which have agreed for mining operations;

(c) whether Raipur Fields are known for rich resin and diamond and alexndride;

(d) whether it has also come to the notice of Government that illegal mining was going on in the area on a large scale;

(e) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard; and

(f) whether any final decision for mining operations have been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH VADAV): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Bauxite Deposits in District of Visakhapatnam

2558. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether NALCO has made any survey of the Bauxite deposits in the districts of Vlsakhapatnam, Vizianagram and Srikakulam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are large Bauxite deposits in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether there are any plans to exploit their deposits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) In 1986-87 NALCO had carried out exploration in few pockets of bauxite deposits in Vlsakhapatnam District of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The following applications have been received by the Government for setting up of 100% export oriented alumina project in the State of Andhra Pradesh:

(i) M/s. Hindustan Development Corporation (HDC);

(ii) M/s. Birla Technical Services (BTS); and

(iii) M/s. Kandula Aluminium Company Limited. M/s. HDC have since withdrawn their application.

Production of Minerals in Rajasthan and Orissa

2559. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for the production of different kind of minerals in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the progress made so far in this regard as compared to the achievement of Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(c) the mineral-wise and State-wise details thereof till 30th June, 1994 particularly in Rajasthan and Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No Targets have been fixed by. the Planning Commission for production of different minerals dealt with by this Ministry for the Eighth Five Year Plan. Planning Commission has, however, fixed targets for non-ferrous metals.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Strength of IBM

2560. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total strength of staff of the Indian Bureau of Mines;

(b) what is the qualitative output of the Indian Bureau of Mines;

(c) whether any modem technology which is being used in similar institutions abroad, are also being used by the IBM;